

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 19 with the following paragraph:

Referring to Figs. 1A, 1B and 5A, in one embodiment of the present invention, one of the display devices 16, 18 displays a plurality of identical images of the set of reels such as reel set displays 200a, 200b, 200c, 200d and 200e to a player. Each of the reel set displays includes the same plurality of reels 202a, 202b, 202c, 202d and 202e as shown in Fig. 5A. Each of the reels includes at least one and preferably a plurality of symbol positions. In this embodiment, the reels include a plurality of symbols 204402 which are the letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I. It should be appreciated that the reels may include any suitable symbols, characters or images as desired by the game implementor. In one embodiment, each of the symbol positions on the reels includes a predetermined or designated symbol from the plurality of symbols. In another embodiment, each of the symbol positions on the reels includes a randomly determined symbol from the plurality of symbols. It should be appreciated that any of the symbols may be in any of the symbol positions on the reels.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 10 with the following paragraph:

Referring back to Fig. 5A, the player initially inserts currency into the game and obtains four hundred credits as indicated by the credit display 218. The player is now ready to begin playing the game. Because the game has not started yet, the paid

display 110 indicates a zero or that the player has not received any awards or credits in the game.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 23, line 13 with the following paragraph:

Referring to Fig. 5B, the player begins playing the game by pressing the select paylines button four times to increase the number of paylines wagered in the game from one to five, as indicated by the number of paylines display 210. In this example, there are five paylines 206a, 206b, 206c, 206d and 206e associated with the reel set displays. Therefore, the player has wagered on the maximum number of paylines in the game. It should be appreciated that the player may wager on one or a plurality or all of the paylines in a game. The player then presses the bet per payline button to increase their bet or wager on each payline from one to three credits, as indicated by the bet per payline display 212. Therefore, the player is wagering three credits on each of the paylines 206a, 206b, 206c, 206d and 206e. Based on the wager made by the player in the spin or activation of the reels, the player has wagered a total bet or wager of fifteen, as indicated by the total bet display 214. The total bet equals the number of paylines wagered on by the player, which is five, multiplied by the amount bet per payline by the player, which is three. ~~Because the game has not started yet, the paid display 110 indicates a zero or that the player has not received any awards or credits in the game.~~ The total bet of fifteen made by the player in this activation or spin of the reels is subtracted from the player's total credit in the game or four hundred which results in the new total number of credits of three hundred eighty-five.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 1 with the following paragraph:

The player presses or activates the play button 34 or pull arm 32 (shown in Figs. 1A and 1B) to activate or spin the reels in the game. The reels stop and display a plurality of symbols on the different paylines on each of the reel set displays 200a, 200b, 200c, 200d and 200e. In the present invention, when the player presses or activates the play or pull button, all of the reels in the reel set spin to indicate the same symbols which are displayed in association with the different paylines. In one embodiment, each of the reel set displays the reels moving at the same rate and indicates the same symbols in the same symbol positions of each of the symbol matrices associated with the reel set at the same time. It should be appreciated that one or more of the reel set displays may display the reels spinning at a different rate than one or more of the other reels in that reel set display or another reel set display. It should be appreciated that one, a plurality or all of the reel set displays may stop simultaneously, sequentially or in any suitable order. In this example, the reels simultaneously stop to display a plurality of symbols on the paylines associated with the reels of the reel set displays. Specifically, a winning symbol combination occurs or is indicated on paylines 206c, 206d and 206e. Payline 206c indicates three "C" symbols which are adjacent to each other and form a line pay combination. The three "C" symbols are located at symbol positions 1/3, 2/3 and 3/3. Each of the paylines 206a, 206b, 206c, 206d and 206e are associated with respective award displays 208a, 208b, 208c, 208d and 208e. According to the paytable shown in Fig. 4, a symbol combination including three "C" symbols provides an award of fifteen. ~~Thus, as indicated by the~~ award display 208c indicates an award of fifteen.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 5 with the following paragraph:

Referring now to Fig. 6 which is divided into Figs. 6A and 6B, another example of the present invention is illustrated where a gaming device includes fifty-eight different paylines. In this example, fifty-eight separate reel set displays 304 are displayed to a player where the each reel set display includes a different one of the fifty-eight paylines. Each of the reel set displays also includes an award display or award meter, such as 302 and 306, to indicate the award provided for any winning symbol combinations on each of the paylines associated with the reels sets.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 21 with the following paragraph:

In this example, paylines two, five, six, seven, eight, eleven, twenty-one, twenty-two, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-four, thirty-five, forty-eight, fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-seven indicate winning symbol combinations providing awards indicated by the award displays 306 associated with the different reel set displays 304. The awards are summed to provide a total award or cumulative award of two hundred eighty-five as indicated by the paid display 3146. The total or cumulative award indicated by the paid display 314 is added to the player's present number of credits of two hundred twenty-six to give the player a new total number of credits of five hundred eleven as indicated by the credit display 316.